



Mahomet-Seymour Schools

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February 9, 2023

Dani Tietz
Mahomet Daily, Ethos Publishing, LLC
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Mahomet, IL 61853
dani@mahometnews.com

Dear Mrs. Tietz:

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (hereinafter "FOIA" or "the Act") request you submitted to the District on February 2, 2023. You requested copies of the following documents:

Request: All emails with attachments that include the words "board agreements", "board working agreements", "working agreements" to or from Max McComb from 2019 to Feb. 2, 2023, and any documents that include a list of those agreements, as produced by or agreed to by any or all board members.

Response: Enclosed please find records responsive to this request. I have redacted the following information which constitutes private information under the FOIA and may be redacted: personal e-mail addresses and personal phone numbers. 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5); 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). I also redacted the name of a community member, as this information constitutes personal information under the FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). There is no indication that this individual intended their correspondence to the District to be made public; therefore, providing their information would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy that would be objectionable to a reasonable person.

In addition, I redacted or withheld records that constitute preliminary notes and/or recommendations in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated. Specifically, the records concern recommendations, drafts, and opinions related to Board business. This information is predecisional and exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). I also withheld records that constitute communications between the District and an attorney representing the District that would not be subject to discovery in litigation. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(m). Therefore, these records are exempt from disclosure under the FOIA.

To the extent you interpret this response as a denial, you have the right to have the denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to: Public Access Counselor, Office of the Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62706. Fax 217-782-1396. E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, Phone 1-877-299-3642. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days after the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original request for documents and the denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court 5 ILCS 140/11.

Ms. Sarah Pratt
Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62706

Telephone: 312-814-5526 or 1-877-299-FOIA (1-877-299-3642)

Facsimile: 217-782-1396

E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You are further notified that you have the right to judicial review as provided in Section 11 of the Act, 5 ILCS 140/11

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny C. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

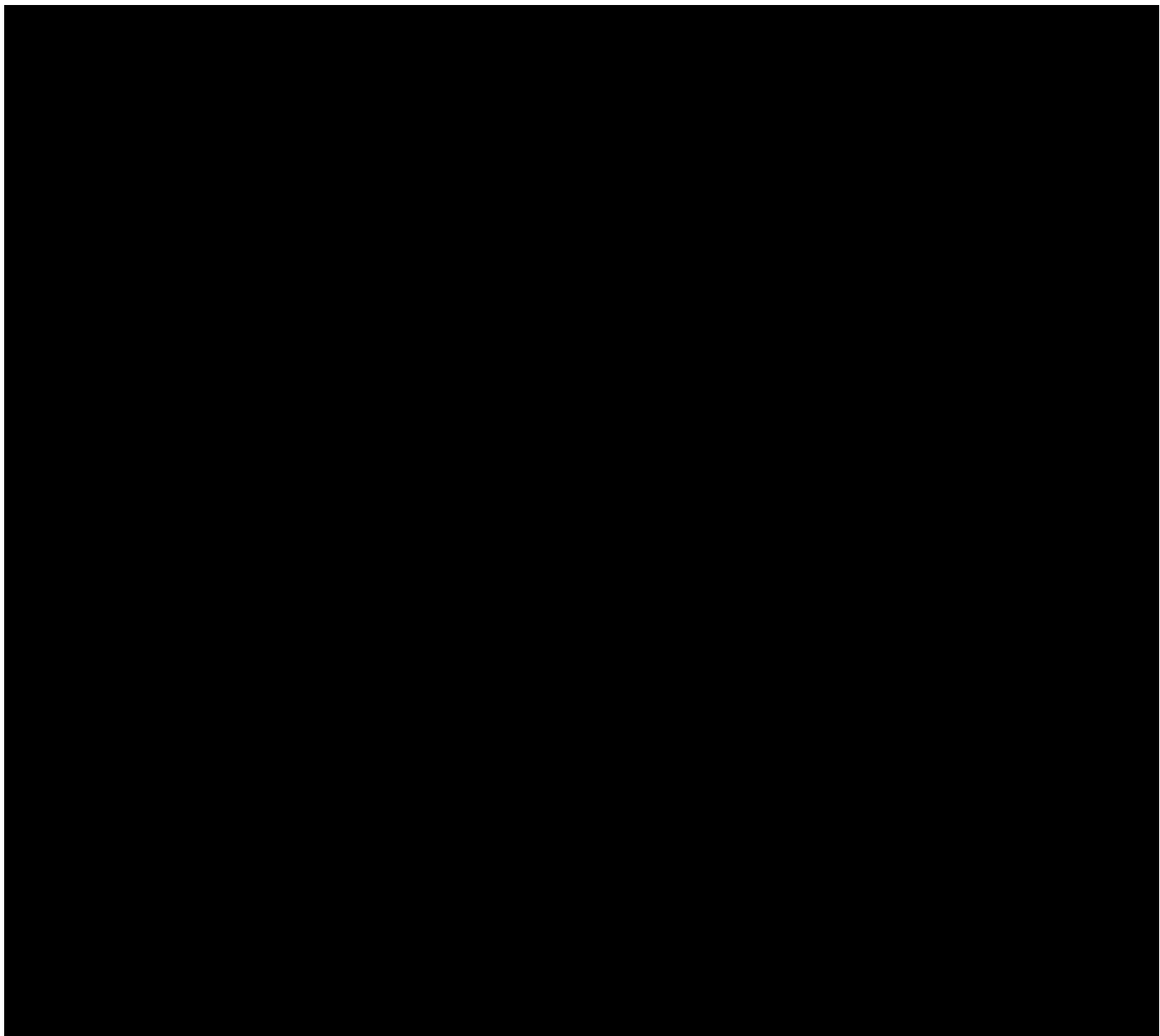
Dr. Kenny Lee, Superintendent and FOIA Officer

From: Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2020 at 05:08:07 PM CST
To: Dawn Quinley <dquinley@ms.k12.il.us>
Cc: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Fw: Working Agreement Agenda Item for Tomorrow Night

Dawn - FYI, please read below. I will call you tomorrow and fill you in.
Thanks for all your work on this!

[Max McComb](#)

[President, Mahomet-Seymour Board of Education](#)



From: Dawn Quinley <dquinley@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Monday, 20 January 2020 at 05:26:51 PM CST
To: Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us>
Cc: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Re: Working Agreement Agenda Item for Tomorrow Night

Ok, Max. I will talk to you tomorrow around noon!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 20, 2020, at 5:08 PM, Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us> wrote:

Dawn - FYI, please read below. I will call you tomorrow and fill you in.

Thanks for all your work on this!

Max McComb

President, Mahomet-Seymour Board of Education





Max McComb

President, Mahomet-Seymour Board of Education

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From: Dawn Quinley <dquinley@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Thursday, 10 October 2019 at 02:00:21 PM CDT
To: Board <Board@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Board Agreements Working Document

Hello, everyone!

Attached you will find the skeleton board agreements document Meghan offered to create at Monday night's meeting. As a reminder, everyone agreed to complete and return the document with their thoughts on each topic to me by November 1. I will compile a document with all responses received for Board review and revision.

Thanks!

Dawn Quinley
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
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From: Dawn Quinley <dquinley@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Monday, 06 January 2020 at 03:42:33 PM CST
To: Dawn Quinley <dquinley@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: Board Agreements Document

Hello, Board Members. Happy New Year!

Attached here for you is the compiled Board Agreements working document. Please let me know if you notice any typos or missing information with regard to the thoughts you submitted. I copied and pasted from what was sent to me, so I'm hoping typos have been kept to a minimum. The document is color coded by member. Also, Dr. Schultz let me know that she has decided not to add to the list and will work off of whatever is turned in by others. I mention this so you know that her thoughts were not inadvertently left out of the document.

Have a good evening,

Dawn Quinley

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

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From: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 09:55:10 AM CDT
To: Board <Board@ms.k12.il.us>
Cc: Dawn Quinley <dquinley@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: information to Dawn by Friday 11/1

Good morning

Please remember to send your working agreements, as discussed on October 7 in the self-evaluation meeting, to Dawn by this Friday, November 1.

Thank you,

Lindsey A. Hall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3
O: (217) 586-2161
C: [REDACTED]



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From: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Monday, 09 December 2019 at 02:58:11 PM CST
To: Board <Board@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: RE: agenda items

And, timeline for working agreements as a discussion.

Thank you,

Lindsey

From: Lindsey Hall
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Board <Board@ms.k12.il.us>
Subject: agenda items

Agenda Items for 12/16/19:

Levy Hearing—6:30

Levy Vote

Policy 2:52--vote

Policy 6:310—vote

All Discussion:

Facilities Discussion

Administrator Goals

RFP-Community Engagement

Board/Superintendent Communication

Committee Discussion—Lori

Closed: Personnel, Student Issues

Thank you,

Lindsey A. Hall, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3
O: (217) 586-2161
C: [REDACTED]



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From: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Thursday, 02 January 2020 at 12:16:04 PM CST
To: Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: follow up to 12/26 meeting

Hi Max,

Hope you had a happy new year! Just following up to our conversation from 12/26 with a few items. Attached is the blank superintendent's evaluation form.

Superintendent's Evaluation

- The process will be a discussion item at the Jan 14th special meeting.
- Feedback is due back to you by Monday, February 3.
- Evaluation will be discussed on February 18th, thus meeting the March 1st timeline that is in my contract.

IASB Materials:

This is a link to some materials you were going to send out to the board—with a few items highlighted:

<https://www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Documents/schoolboardgovernancebooklet.pdf>

Upcoming Meetings:

- Jan 9—7 p.m. Policy Committee
- Jan 14—7 p.m. Special Meeting, Agenda: Goals/Objectives, Working Agreements, Superintendent Evaluation Process
- Jan 21—5 p.m. Facilities Committee @ Lincoln Trail
- Jan 21—7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Abstaining

I am finding a variety of information regarding abstentions/voting present. A good resource is a book called "Coming to Order" from IASB—which says:

"It is mandatory for all members present to vote on a motion. They may vote yes, no or abstain. (There are times when a member cannot come to a comfortable conclusion and decides not to vote.)"

That being said, I have also read where you should only abstain when there is a conflict of interest.

Thank you!

Lindsey A. Hall, Ed.D.

**Superintendent of Schools
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3**

O: (217) 586-2161

C: [REDACTED]



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From: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, 18 August 2020 at 02:28:37 PM CDT
To: Board <Board@ms.k12.il.us>
Sensitivity: Normal
Priority: Normal
Subject: FW: Clarification/disclosure

■■■■■■■■■■ account of the meeting, below, is accurate. She reached out to me and requested a meeting.

I will only add that the working agreements were in process prior to the meeting with Ms. Walsh—the meeting with her didn't cause the working agreements to be drafted, it only reinforced the need.

Thank you,
Lindsey

From: ■■■■■■■■■■
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 12:31 PM
To: Lindsey Hall <lhall@ms.k12.il.us>, Max McComb <mmccomb@ms.k12.il.us>, Lori Larson <llarson@ms.k12.il.us>, Ken Keefe <kkeefe@ms.k12.il.us>, Jeremy Henrichs <jhenrichs@ms.k12.il.us>, "cschulzt@mcsusd.org" <cschulzt@mcsusd.org>, Meghan Hennesy <mhennesy@ms.k12.il.us>, Merle Giles <mgiles@ms.k12.il.us>
Subject: Clarification/disclosure

External Email

Hello Mahomet-Seymour school board and Superintendent Hall-

Based on last night's school board meeting, it is my desire to clarify a few things and bring full disclosure. After attending my first board meeting, I observed much disorder and disrespect occurring amongst members. I also observed that there was not a formal speaking system being utilized to create order and a positive environment for the members to better communicate. After attending my second school board meeting, it was apparent that the same disfunction still existed. So I felt the need to request a meeting with the appointed leadership of the school board along with the superintendent of the district. There is a chain of command in every operating system and I believe it is most professional and practical to meet with the individuals who are in charge. The ones in leadership are the ones who are responsible and accountable for the structure of the meetings.

The context of the meeting was as follows:

- Introduce myself since our family moved here from out of state a few short years ago.
- I gave some information on my background of serving on multiple boards for multiple universities and conferences across the country.
- I wanted to ask question as to why there was not a formal speaking structure in place at the

school board meetings.

- I wanted to offer the suggestion to adapt a Modified Roberts Rules System to ensure that all voices are heard with out interruption
- I asked about the procedure of appointing the position of president.
- I recommended that President McComb know that as the leader of the meeting I believe he needed to lead by example and not interrupt others as well.
- Expressed my gratitude for the service of the board and how their work has a great impact on the community.

It should be safe and acceptable for people in the community to request individual professional meetings with the President/Vice President/Superintendent at any time with out being forced to be named. However, since my name was being publicly requested at last night meeting, I wanted to inform the entire board what was discussed at the my personal meeting last week. My sole purpose is and always has been to offer positive suggestions to create a better environment for everyone.

Thank you for the countless hours you all spend working for the school district of Mahomet-Seymour.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone

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Jodi McDuffee <jmcduffee@ms.k12.il.us>

Fwd: FOIA Request

1 message

Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>
To: Jodi McDuffee <jmcduffee@ms.k12.il.us>

Thu, Feb 9, 2023 at 8:01 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dani Tietz** <dani@mahometnews.com>
Date: Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 1:22 PM
Subject: FOIA Request
To: Kenny Lee <klee@ms.k12.il.us>

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Thank you,

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Dani Tietz (she, her)
217.390.8984
Mahomet Daily/SJO Daily

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